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REMARKS

The 4 February 2009 Office Action at page 2, ¶ 3 says, "No Information Disclosure Statement has been filed in the instant application."

The instant application includes both an <u>International Search Report</u> (listed in PAIR as the 17 February 2006 "Documents Submitted with 371 Application") and a copy of each of the references listed in that search report (listed in PAIR as the "Foreign Reference" and NPL Documents" filed 17 February 2006). Further, the 17 February 2006 <u>Transmittal Letter to the United States</u> (PTO Form PTO-

1390) at page 3, ¶ 20, says that this application when filed included "ISR w/ References."

Patent Office procedure requires the examiner to consider this art in the first Office Action. *See* Manual of Patent Examining Procedure § 609(II) ("The examiner will consider the documents cited in the international search report in a PCT national stage application where the form PCT/DO/EO/903 indicates that both the international search report and the copies of the documents are present in the national stage file.").

=> Applicant therefore respectfully asks the Examiner to supplement page $2, \P 3$ of the 04 February 2009 Office Action with a statement confirming that the Examiner has in fact complied with Office procedure and considered those references.

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